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MARGINAL COLUMN

By MEIR MINDLIN

I WAS wondering how to approach my "delicate" subject, especially in view of the fact that the pressure of respectability is so great among us that two brothel-keepers found guilty of plying their trade have committed suicide. However, so much nonsense is usually written about prostitution, that it is always worthwhile trying to be objective. Most comment oscillates between moral indignation and a snigger, neither of which touch reality at any point. There is of course a good reason for the extraordinary ambiguity surrounding the subject, which provides a rich vein of social hypocrisy. While always publicly condemned by pillars of morality, it tends to be more or less tolerated, and the usual schizophrenic approach is perfectly expressed in the fact that almost all over the world the prostitute is punishable by law while her customer goes free. Do we make such a distinction between the seller and receiver of stolen goods?

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THE question has recently been widely debated in Britain in connection with the recommendations of the Wolfenden Report on Prostitution and Homosexuality. The implementation of the Report has boiled down to the imposition of heavier fines on the girls, with the anticipated result of substituting the call-girl system for street-walking. That is, no one for a moment thinks it possible to eliminate the phenomenon, but they hope to sweep the "dirt" under the carpet.

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SO long as there will be customers there will be prostitutes. But if we first ask ourselves the perennial question of why a girl takes up the profession, we should beware of the stock answers: because they are nymphomaniacs, or of sub-standard intelligence, etc. Asked the same question, among many others on the subject in the August issue of the British monthly, "The Twentieth Century", which was devoted to 'Women', Victor Musgrave, an authority in the field, answered: "A combination of varying factors, partly chance, partly predisposition, temperament, and opportunity push a girl into prostitution, just as any other girl might become a typist or shop assistant... A great number of potential prostitutes come from ... parts of the world where life seems rather drab; they're attracted by what they think is easy money and a love of luxury... are sometimes initiated by a ponce... drift into the life on their own, or even enter it decisively as a career... Nearly all these girls are in need of affection... I have known girls enter prostitution to help out at home when there is a large family and not enough income, or to earn enough to keep a baby... The reasons why women enter the trade are, in fact, multifarious and in my view the generalizations of the probation officers and social workers on this aspect of the subject are too limited."

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IT seems to me far more difficult to understand the customer's motivation — I mean, apart from the obvious disparity in our society between actual puberty and legal maturity and matrimonial sanction. Perhaps the operative factor is the traditional split in Western society between romantic love and sex, and behind it of course, at a deeper level, the Oedipus complex: that is, for some people, only the commercial sex transaction is acceptable just because there is no real love involved; that real love exists for them in a separate compartment, focussed on other objects.

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WHAT conclusions can one offer then, in view of the fact that this social problem, like so many others characteristic of broadly stratified and differentiated societies, as ours is becoming, is beginning to concern us? The point I want to make is that one should beware of all hasty conclusions based on stereotyped moral equations, that prostitution is a social phenomenon that has roots reaching down to some of the fundamental assumptions on which most organized societies are based. We should be aware of these root causes before we judge. There was a psychiatrist who called prostitution the safety-valve of morality, and there was a prostitute who is reported to have asked cynically whether women who marry for money, status, or prestige, are not after all also conducting a commercial sex transaction, even if it does have social sanction.

Jerusalem, February 9.

Cabinet Rules On Direct Vote For Mayors

Post Political Correspondent

Mayors and chairmen of local councils are to be elected in "direct, personal, general and equal elections," according to the final Cabinet decision on Sunday on the draft bill for an amendment to the Municipalities Ordinance (Elections of Chairmen of Local Authorities).

The draft bill will be tabled in the Knesset this week in the name of the Cabinet, but it was decided not to impose coalition discipline when the House comes to vote on it.

It is understood that the Cabinet decision not to impose the coalition "whip" was supported by the Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Progressive Ministers as well as several of the Mapai Ministers, while most of the latter abstained on this vote. Although the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, is in favour of the bill, he supported a free vote on it in the Knesset.

The Cabinet also decided by a vote of seven against six to hold municipal elections every five years. These elections will thus coincide with those for the Knesset only this year, when they will be held on the same day as the polling for the fourth Knesset. The Minister of Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. M. Toledano, the Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda Ministers and one Mapai Minister are understood to have been in favour of concurrent municipal and Knesset elections as a matter of principle, while the majority which supported separate electoral terms consisted of all the other Mapai Ministers and the Minister of Justice.

Points of Bill

The following points which are included in the draft bill were disclosed by the Cabinet spokesman:

● A person entitled to stand for election as a member of a local council also has the right to stand for election as Chairman of the Council.

● A candidate for the chairmanship of a Local Council must be proposed to the Minister of Interior by at least five per cent of the electorate in that locality, or by 500 of the voters, whichever number is smaller.

● If only one candidate is nominated, he will be declared Chairman of the Local Council without a vote. If two candidates are nominated, the one who receives the majority of the valid votes will be elected. If more than two candidates are nominated, the one who receives more than one-half of the valid votes will be elected. In the event of none of them receiving such a majority, a second ballot is to be held, one week after the first, in which only the two candidates who received the largest number of votes will participate. The candidate who receives the majority of the valid votes in this ballot will be elected. Should both candidates receive an equal number of votes, the returning officer will draw lots to decide between the two.

The authority of Chairmen of Local Councils is to be broadened along the following lines, according to the draft bill:

Chairman's Prerogative

The Chairman is entitled to hold up any Council decision for a maximum period of 30 days. At the end of this period the decision which the council reaches will be final if adopted by an absolute majority of all its members. If the council does not take a second vote on the issue, however, its first decision will stand.

The Council Chairman is entitled to appoint a deputy Chairman from among the Council members; the appointment has to be approved by the Council. In a case where the population of the locality exceeds 75,000, the Chairman is entitled to appoint two Deputy Chairmen with the Council's approval.

The Council Chairman will present the budget before the Council and the Council members are entitled to make changes only where this would result in a reduction in the Council's total expenditure. No changes designed to increase expenditure are to be made by the Council members.

The employment of local government officials is under the jurisdiction of the Council Chairman, in line with the principles of the Civil Service Bill.

The draft bill does not apply to regional councils or local councils which have been established less than five years previous to the date on which municipal elections are held.

No amendments to the draft bill were proposed.

West to Confer On Parley with Russia

BONN (Reuter). — The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, left for home on Sunday after reaching agreement in talks in London, Paris and Bonn for a meeting of Western Foreign Ministers to shape policy toward a possible East-West conference later this spring.

After Mr. Dulles had concluded his talks with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer here Sunday morning, the Bonn Government's chief spokesman announced Western agreement for the Foreign Ministers' talks at a time and place still to be fixed.

It is widely understood in the West that this will most likely be Paris in mid-March — some time before the May 27 dateline set by Russia for handing over her powers in Berlin to East Germany.

At the airport before leaving for Washington, Mr. Dulles said his Bonn talks had strengthened the West's attitude in standing firm, particularly on their rights in Berlin. He added that this does "not exclude the possibility of a conciliatory attitude, but it does exclude merely making concessions for which there is no counterpart."

After the talks ended, an American spokesman said Mr. Dulles would probably report to President Eisenhower Monday (today). The spokesman said he did not think there had been any basic shift of position by anybody as a result of the tour.

The Secretary of State had followed up his two-and-a-half hour talks with Dr. Adenauer on Saturday with a further two-hour session Sunday morning. The Western replies to Russia's note of January 10 were considered. The U.S. spokesman said these replies would be delivered in about a week.

The Bonn Government spokesman, Mr. Felix von Eckardt, said there had also been an exchange of views between Mr. Dulles and Dr. Adenauer on an East-West conference, but there was no firm opinion on whether and when such talks would take place, or in what framework.

Mr. von Eckardt said the Bonn talks had revolved round this motto for the future, "No concessions without concessions in return."

Asked whether there was Western agreement on concessions in case Russia offered them, Mr. von Eckardt said "A certain frame for calculated possibilities and risks is emerging, but it requires very careful further discussions on various levels."

He told questioners at a press conference that "one could attempt" to set up a certain arrangement in one part of the world — for instance in Central Europe — which allowed a peaceful development in this area. Starting from this, one could then "tackle more comprehensive problems" between East and West.

He declined to elaborate on this but said in answer to another question "the area of such an arrangement would depend primarily on the Soviet Union."

In Washington, the State Department released testimony given by the Secretary of State at a closed session of the House Foreign Relations Committee on January 28.

Mr. Dulles said that the West was at one that they would risk war rather than be forced out of West Berlin.

He told the Committee that the possible contingencies facing the allies if the Soviet Union hands its Berlin functions to East Germany included blowing up bridges by the Communists, blocking land routes, and interference with any airlift to West Berlin.

Full agreement between the allies about action to meet the contingencies had not yet been reached, but he expected decisions to be reached before May 27 when Russia is to hand over to East Germany.

He said the Berlin position from a military standpoint was "even more dangerous than the situation in Quemoy and Matsu." The abandonment of West Berlin would probably wreck NATO and the whole Western position in Europe.

NEW SOCIALIST PARTY IN ITALY

ROME (AFP).— The left wing of the Social Democrat Party on Sunday announced that it had broken away to set up its own independent party, "United Movement for Socialist Action."

Four hundred representatives, at a special conference, voted unanimously to take this decision.

The Social Democrats had been the coalition partners of the Christian Democrats in the outgoing Fanfani Government. The left wing has been pressing the party to cooperate with the left-wing Socialists led by Mr. Pietro Nenni.

Meanwhile, ex-Premier Antonio Segni, Christian Democrat, who has undertaken to form a new Cabinet, on Sunday held private discussions with various party leaders. He will officially begin his efforts on Monday.

Agitation Seen In Algiers As Debre Arrives

ALGIERS. — Premier Michel Debré came here on Sunday night for a three-day visit amid intense anti-Gaullist agitation among the right wing movement for a stronger policy in Algeria. But immediately on his arrival the Premier declared that "France will remain in Algeria."

M. Debré was accompanied by his Information Minister, M. Roger Frey, and Mlle. Nafissa Sid Cara, Moslem woman Secretary of State. He is to make a speech expected to deal with immediate policy in Algeria and preside over the inaugural session of the Council which will put the Algerian economic development plan known as the "Constantine Plan" into practice before he returns to Paris on Wednesday evening.

Prior to his arrival, "Algerie Française," the extreme right wing movement, denounced the Fifth Republic as too weak and threatened to combat it openly. Two Assembly deputies, MM. Jean Baptiste Biaggi, and R. Battesti, members of the UNR Gaullist party who flew to Algiers on Saturday as an advance party, failed to quiet the clamour against the Government's Algerian policy.

Noisy Meeting

Members of "La Jeune Nation" (Young Nation) League who attended a meeting of "Algeria Française" earlier on Sunday, shouted slogans against Gen. de Gaulle and Premier Debré. Fighting broke out among the various factions. There were constant interruptions and booing as the two Gaullist deputies addressed the audience. Officials feared there might be demonstrations against M. Debré on Monday when he lays a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Premier will also broadcast over Algiers Radio.

Thirty Algerian rebels were killed and six were captured in fighting which took place on Sunday 150 kms. southeast of Oran.

(Reuter, UPI, AFP)

Iraqi Reshuffle Seen Widening U.A.R. Rift

Army Officers Dominate

The eight new members of Iraq's Cabinet took the oath of office in Baghdad on Sunday amid reports in Cairo that the reshuffle would further widen the cleavage between Iraq and the United Arab Republic.

Four of the eight Ministers are of the "Free Officers" group which helped Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kassem bring off the revolution last July. The other four are civilians—two National Democratic Party members and two independents.

The new 14-man Cabinet now includes six of the Free Officers, five National Democrats and three independents.

The National Democrats are headed by Kamil al Chaderchi, whom the pre-revolutionary regime kept constantly behind bars for his opposition to its home and foreign policies. He is now considered the brain behind General Kassem's political moves.

The new Ministers are: Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Shawaf (Health); Hashem Jawad (Foreign Affairs); Brig. Muhi e-Din Abdul Hamid (Education); Hussein Jamil (Propaganda); Brig. Abdul Wahab Amin (Social Affairs); Tala'at Shelbani (Development); Hussein Talbani (Public Works); Fuad Aref (Minister of State).

The new Foreign Minister is Iraq's permanent delegate at the United aNtions.

No Communists

Political observers in Baghdad believe the Premier's present choice of Cabinet colleagues has disappointed the Communists and the Ba'athist Party, neither of which are represented.

Informed Arab sources in Cairo, however, said that Chaderchi supports a line near that of the Communists in that he advocates the creation of a party political state as opposed to the Istiklal-Ba'athist call for Arab unity as the highest goal.

The Cairo sources regarded the reshuffle as the most important change in Iraq since the July coup, since it signified the breaking up of the all-party national front created shortly after the revolution and the constitution of a government formed exclusively of officers and Chaderchi's supporters.

The consensus of Cairo observers was that the split between Baghdad and Cairo may now be widened.

In Beirut, the newspaper "Al Jarida" said Gen. Kassem in condemning Colonel Aref and accepting the six ministers' resignations was "ending the first chapter of the people's revolution and beginning other chapters of a horrible Red drama in Baghdad."

The "Al Nahar" said that if the Iraqi left wing had gained the upper hand, Iraq was doomed to become a people's democratic republic, adding: "The sentence on Aref may be only an indication of other historical events."

Linked with Aref

Reports from Cairo and Beirut linked Saturday's resignations of six Ministers with the death sentence passed on Colonel Abdul Salam Mohammed Aref, former Deputy Premier, for his alleged attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kassem.

Egyptian newspapers said four of the eight new Ministers had been prosecution witnesses against Aref.

A Baghdad Radio announcement yesterday said the resignations of the six Ministers had been accepted "in the public interest." It did not elaborate.

Diplomatic observers in London, commenting on the announcement earlier Saturday of an agreement for Soviet economic and technical assistance to Iraq, believed that the volume of this aid may be as much as £100m. The Russians are expected to build factories, railways and irrigation projects in Iraq, while Iraqis would be sent to the Soviet Union for training.

They added that the agreement would undoubtedly give Moscow a strong grip on the Iraqi economy. *(Reuter, INA)*

Further Advance In Cyprus Talks

ZURICH (Reuter). — The Greco-Turkish talks on Cyprus made further progress here on Sunday despite the indisposition of the Greek Premier, Mr. Constantine Karamanlis, who has been advised to remain in his room because of slight catarrh.

Mr. Karamanlis and Premier Menderes of Turkey have not met since Friday but their Foreign Ministers conferred for 90 minutes on Sunday to continue work on a detailed report to be presented to the two Prime Ministers. The report is understood to contain a general outline of a plan for the future status of Cyprus.

Mr. Evangelos Averoff, the Greek Foreign Minister, told reporters after the meeting, "We are working hard—and well." His Turkish counterpart, Mr. Fatin Zorlu, nodded and said, "I agree."

Archbishop Makarios said in an interview published in the liberal Nicosia newspaper "Phileleftherios" that the Turkish demands for partition in Cyprus "have been set aside" during the present talks in Zurich.

UAR Spurns New Talks with Britain

CAIRO (Reuter). — The U.A.R. Minister designated to sign the Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement said on Sunday that Cairo would not enter into new negotiations over the disputed Smouha property before signing the agreement.

Moussa Arafa, Minister of Works in the Egyptian region of the U.A.R., said in an interview with the newspaper "Al Ahram" that the U.A.R. has announced its readiness to sign finally on the basis which was accepted by both sides, "and we do not find it feasible to enter into negotiations."

(British and Egyptian valuations of the compensation to be paid under the agreement for the sequestrated property of the Smouha family in Alexandria are believed to differ by about £9m. Britain is reported to have claimed that the agreement was initialled last month under the belief that the property was agricultural land, but that in fact it consisted of building plots.)

Arafa said negotiations could not remain suspended over an unnecessarily long period, and thought a British decision would be received not later than this week.

Asked about the possibility of Sir Dennis Rickett, the British Treasury official who negotiated the agreement, or Mr. Joseph Rucinski, a senior World Bank official, returning to Egypt for further negotiations, Arafa said: "We have clarified our view by cable on this subject and they know it very well."

Mapai for Arabs In Histadrut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapai Central Committee on Sunday decided by 84 to 14 to instruct its Histadrut party to support the proposal of Mr. R. Barkatt at the Histadrut Council this week that the Labour Federation give full membership rights to Arab workers.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K. in supporting the plan, declared that it was untrue that the Histadrut would lose its Zionist character by accepting Arabs as full members. "We must adapt principles to the new realities, both in the State and in the Histadrut," Mr. Sharett declared.

The State has not lost its Zionist content because Arabs live in Israel, and neither would the Histadrut by opening its doors to Arab workers, he said.

Mr. Sharett regarded the acceptance of Mr. Barkatt's proposal as important for the Histadrut's international standing.

Mr. Shaul Avigur, in opposing, declared that the proposal negates the principles of the Histadrut constitution which calls for a Zionist Labour movement.

Mr. Shmuel Dayan, M.K. preferred that Arab workers remain as members of the trade unions only. He was supported by the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. A. Assaf, M.K.

The Barkatt plan was also supported by Mr. Abba Khoushy, Miss Esther Herlitz, Mr. N. Harpaz, Mr. Y. Korn and Mr. A. Haft.

("Histadrut Council"—P.3 Col.5)

2 Batista Policemen Executed in Havana

HAVANA (Reuter). — Two former policemen were executed Saturday night in a Havana fortress for murder and torture under the Batista regime.

Three Batista supporters were sentenced to death and 15 to imprisonment in courts throughout the island today.

The number of courts dealing with "war crimes" trial has been increased to speed up trials.

In Pinar del Rio, the Supreme War Court commuted two death sentences and 300 people demonstrated in favour of granting clemency for an ex-soldier who had been sentenced to death.

Dulles: Better Ties with UAR

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles said in testimony released on Sunday that U.S. relations with the U.A.R. had improved.

He told a closed session of the House Foreign Committee on January 28, "there has been no change of policy. I think that relations have become somewhat better."

At another point in the hearing, Mr. Dulles expressed the U.S. desire to encourage the independence of Middle Eastern countries. "Our policy is to encourage as far as we can the independence, the genuine independence, of these countries while not opposing a cooperation in terms of the Arab League and the Arab financial development institution, and the like. We are standing on the basic proposition that we want to help maintain freedom and independence of the area."

He said that Communist activities in Africa were intense and effective. "They spend a good deal of money there, the propaganda is very effective, and I don't feel satisfied with the result of what we are doing," Mr. Dulles stated.

Anti-Israel Motion At Cairo Parley

CAIRO (Reuter). — The Afro-Asian Youth Conference at its final session here on Sunday called for the establishment of a permanent youth section affiliated to the Afro-Asian Bureau in Cairo. It approved a final declaration supporting the principles of the 1955 Bandung Conference.

The 34-nation conference supported a series of anti-imperialist resolutions approved by its Political Committee.

The Committee also recommended that all member states in future refer to Israel as "Plundered Palestine," the Arab News Agency reported and that May 15 be observed annually as a day for supporting the "people of Palestine and their right to return home."

Egyptian students roared "Neither East nor West," as the conference ended. They also frequently interrupted the closing speech by the U.A.R. Minister of Education, Kamal e-Din Hussein with shouts attacking Communists and acclamations for Abdul Nasser.

In Moscow "Komsomolskaya Pravda," organ of the Soviet Young Communist League, attacked the Cairo periodical "Al Musawwar" for an article warning Afro-Asian youth against "the Western Russian camp." It said "such statements cannot promote the strengthening of solidarity among Afro-Asian youth in its struggle against imperialism."

A novel note of particular importance for the Middle East was struck in the final resolution which revived the Arab claim to Alexandretta in southern Turkey. The Sanjak of Alexandretta was ceded by France — the mandatory power — to Turkey in 1938.

Meir, Envoys Meet Today On Afro-Asian Ties

POST Political Reporter

Consultations on broadening Israel's relations with countries in Africa and Asia will be held on Monday (today) at the Foreign Ministry prior to the departure of the Foreign Minister on Thursday for the U.S.

In addition to Mrs. Golda Meir, the conferees will include Messrs. Daniel Lewin and Ehud Avriel, Ambassadors to Burma and Ghana, respectively, in addition to senior Ministry officials. Mr. Lewin arrived here on Sunday while Mr. Avriel returned last week.

Mrs. Meir this evening will give a reception for the participants in the Afro-Asian Seminar on Cooperatives at her residence in Jerusalem.

The Foreign Minister, who is going to the U.S. for the United Jewish Appeal campaign, is expected to stay away for a month.

Mr. Ben-Gurion will act as Foreign Minister in her absence.

(Burma Friendship, Pg. 3, Col. 2)

Soldier Killed as Two Army Trucks Collide

REHOVOT. — One soldier was killed, seven severely injured and 12 sustained slight injuries in a head-on collision between two Army trucks in an Army camp near here on Sunday.

The dead man was identified as Yehoshua Tunkelrot of Sheikh Munis near Tel Aviv.

The injured soldiers were taken to Kaplan hospital, and the seven badly hurt men were transferred to Tel Hashomer Hospital. The 12 men who sustained slight injuries were given first aid and later sent back to camp.

Policeman Dies In Scopus Accident

An Israel policeman on guard duty on Mount Scopus lost his life in an accidental explosion there last Friday, "Ma'ariv" reported yesterday.

The policeman's body was brought down from the Mount in a U.N. vehicle the same afternoon after the U.N. authorities had been informed.

CZECH-EGYPT TRADE PACT FOR £30m.

CAIRO (Reuter). — Czechoslovakia and the U.A.R. have signed a three-year trade agreement for the exchange of goods worth £30m., it was announced on Sunday.

B-G Tells Cabinet Peres Cautioned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, at Sunday's Cabinet meeting, is understood to have dissociated himself from parts of speeches made last week by the Director-General of the Defence Ministry, in which Mr. Shimon Peres discussed certain matters pertaining to security and defence.

In his reply to queries put to him the previous week by the Minister of Health and Posts, Mr. Y. Barzilai, and by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, the Premier is also understood to have stated that he had called Mr. Peres' attention to the fact that, in future, reference to defence matters should be treated with more care.

The Herut Knesset faction last week tabled a motion for the agenda on the same subject.

The Prime Minister also reported to the Cabinet on last week's Gaza strip border incident.

The Cabinet also approved a draft bill on national land, as well as the treaty between the State and the Jewish National Fund. According to the draft bill, the Cabinet is to appoint a national Land Authority and a Land Development authority. Separate councils for each authority, consisting of Government and J.N.F. representatives, are also to be appointed, the first with a majority of Government representatives and the second with a majority of J.N.F. representatives.

The Progressive Party's proposal for a tax reduction was not discussed by the Cabinet, as further negotiations are still being held on the subject between the Finance Ministry and Progressive Party representatives.

The official communique reads:

The Cabinet, at its regular weekly meeting, heard a report from the Prime Minister on the border incident near the Gaza Strip.

The Cabinet also approved a draft amendment to the Municipalities Ordinance (Election of heads of local authorities); a draft law on national lands and the proposed agreement between the Government and the Jewish National Fund.

The Minister of Education and Culture gave an overall report on educational developments and will complete it at the next meeting.

The Cabinet approved the trips of the Foreign Minister and the Minister of Health and of Posts for the U.N. on speaking tours on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The Minister of Development will act as Minister of Health and the Minister of Labour as Minister of Posts during Mr. Barzilai's absence.

Progressives May Quit Over Taxes

TEL AVIV. — The Progressive Party Executive Committee on Sunday empowered its Management Committee to take drastic action, including resignation from the Coalition, in order to bring about tax reform. The Executive Committee passed the decision by 67 votes to 22.

Supporters of this stand included the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, the Chairman of the Executive, Mr. M. Kol and Mr. I. Cohen, M.K.

The management committee is expected to meet next week.

Pharmacists Back To Work Today

POST Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Two weeks after they had struck, 520 pharmacists employed in public medical institutions, 450 of them belonging to Kupat Holim, decided to return to work on Monday (today).

They took the decision on Sunday after the Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. P. Lavon, had agreed that they could present their case before the Histadrut Central Committee's weekly meeting next Sunday.

The pharmacists demand wage increases including a special stand-by allowance. If the institutions meet their demands, the pharmacists will receive 80 to 90 per cent of rises recently awarded to physicians. The union decided that if the institutions turn down their demands, they will "take drastic steps once again." The meeting passed a resolution "deploring the lack of support of Kupat Holim employees for our struggle."

Kupat Holim management circles told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Sick Fund does not regard the matter as "closed." They had not yet assessed the expenditure arising from reimbursing members who took their prescriptions to private pharmacies. Similarly, the whole matter of strike pay has yet to be clarified as is the settlement of the strikers' demands. "Even should the Histadrut decide to support their claims that does not bind us," it was said.

Laboratory assistants held a one-day warning strike on Sunday and convened rallies in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. The meetings appealed to the Histadrut and the institutions to meet their wage claims.

U.K. MID-EAST AIR CHIEF IN AMMAN

AMMAN (Reuter). — Air Marshal William MacDonald, Commander in Chief of the British Air Force, Middle East, arrived here Sunday on an inspection tour to the R.A.F. mission. He is expected to meet King Hussein and then return to Cyprus.

Cairo Sees UNRWA Pressure on Israel

The Acting Director of UNRWA, Mr. Leslie Carver, told the Cairo daily "El Ahram" on Sunday that he will shortly make a "world tour" to convince many governments to bring pressure to bear on Israel to take in Palestine Arab refugees.

Cairo Radio, quoting this report, said Mr. Carver added that UNRWA must continue with its relief programme for the refugees for many years, even after they are repatriated to their homes, in order fully to rehabilitate them.

Israel Patrol Violated Orders In Pursuing Marauders into Sinai

TEL AVIV. — The officer commanding the Israel Army patrol which crossed the Sinai border last Wednesday did so against standing orders and will be brought before a court-martial, the Army spokesman announced on Sunday.

(A report on the incident, based on the Army investigation, was presented to the Cabinet on Sunday by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.)

The spokesman released a detailed description of the incident, in which a four-man Israel army patrol crossed the border into the Gaza Strip near Kerem Avshalom. A U.N. Emergency Force spokesman subsequently accused the Israel patrol of killing two Beduin in an encampment some distance within the borders of the Gaza Strip. The following facts were learned from the report of the patrol members and from an official army inquiry into the incident:

The four-man patrol was some 2 kms. south of Kerem Avshalom and some 300 metres inside Israel territory when it came across unmistakable signs of six men and a donkey leading from the Egyptian border. On investigating further, the patrol found several plugs, such as are removed from Italian plastic mines when they are charged. Such mines are in regular use by the Egyptian army.

The patrol was suddenly attacked by rifle and automatic fire. Despite the fact that it was outnumbered by the attackers the patrol leader decided to storm their position. The attackers were apparently taken by surprise, and took off in the general direction of Sinai, continuing to fire at the pursuing Israel force as they fled.

The attackers, who were identified as Beduin by their black cloaks, reached a Beduin encampment and were joined by other Beduin. At this point the Israel commander realized that he had crossed into Egyptian territory, and immediately ordered his men to cease firing and to withdraw.

The patrol members reported that during the entire pursuit they had fired only at the men who had attacked them, and they had not observed any casualties. While they were withdrawing a UNEF jeep carrying two UNEF men and a Beduin came up to them, the Arab jumping off before the jeep reached the patrol. When the jeep drew away again from the patrol, the Beduin began to fire at the Israel soldiers. The sniping ceased only when the patrol reached the border, at which time a UNEF armoured car also appeared on the scene.

All the members of the Israel patrol returned safely.

The official Army report on the incident found that the patrol commander had acted correctly in attacking the infiltrators, but violated standing orders when he crossed the border and continued shooting in Egyptian territory.

(Standing Army orders forbid firing across the border even from Israel territory, and firing at civilians.)

The Army spokesman added that it was to be regretted that the U.N.E.F. spokesman, in his statement, had completely disregarded the details of the incident's development — a disregard which led to a distortion of the truth. The U.N.E.F. statement, couched in terms never before used by U.N. spokesmen, even when the Syrians had rained 800 shells on Israel settlement in the north, makes no mention as to what caused the incident, thus omitting details which would have clearly shown who was responsible for the entire incident.

The fact is that the incident started when Beduin infiltrators from Sinai penetrated into Israel territory with a hostile purpose (apparently to lay mines) and attacked an Israel patrol 300 metres within Israel territory with rifle and automatic fire.

This of course does not detract in the least from the sincere sorrow felt by the Israel Defence Forces, if it proves that there were innocent casualties, the spokesman stressed.

("Gaza Infiltrators," P.3, Col.6)

STAR IN STRIPS

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI).— Enthusiastic carnival celebrants stripped the Hollywood movie star, Jayne Mansfield, to the waist on Sunday during the carnival ball at the Copacabana Palace Hotel.

We wish to thank all friends and acquaintances who so kindly expressed their sympathy on the death of our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, the late

Dr. Jacob Katz

born in Radziwillow (Volhyn), and resident for many years in Berezowka (Russia) and Brody (Poland).

A MEMORIAL MEETING and UNVEILING OF THE TOMBSTONE

on the anniversary of his death, will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1959 at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, at 4 p.m.

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Special bus will leave Tel Aviv from Rehov Bellinson near Ohel Theatre, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Sunday received the Danish Ambassador, Mr. Hugo Herget. On Friday, Mr. Herget was received by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Thursday gave a luncheon for the Minister of Finance and Mrs. Eshkol; the Governor of the Bank of Israel and Mrs. Horowitz; Mr. Avraham Harzfeld; Prof. Haim Halperin; Dr. Georg Halpern, Mrs. Lea Ben Dor, and Miss Mary Jackson.

Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi on Sunday officially opened the lottery of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Yosef Barats, spoke at the ceremony.

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Chief Rabbi Herzog on Sunday received the Chief Rabbi of Chile, Rabbi Y. Greenwald; the Chief Rabbi of Johannesburg, Rabbi M. Komowsky; Rabbi Y. Hilewitz of South Africa, and Rabbi Y. Hecht of Brooklyn, New York.

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Prof. L. F. Tijmstra, of Amsterdam University and Deputy Director of the International Press Institute, lectured on Sunday at the Tel Aviv University-School of Law and Economics on "The Principle of Majority in Politics and in the State."

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The Savyon Rotary Club at its Annual Assembly elected the following officers for the year 1959-60: President — Dr. R. Werth; Vice President — Dr. L. Borenstein; Hon. Secretary — Mr. H. Z. Freier; Hon. Treasurer — Dr. E. Machlab; Directors — Messrs. B. Bennett, S. Adlerstein, Ch. Geland, H. Moss-Morris, H. Moeller, J. Selbst, and S. Waysman.

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Prof. Shiro Kurauchi, of Tokyo, has visited the Tel Aviv University-School of Law and Economics where he was received by the Pro-Rector, Dr. I. Guelfat, and the Executive Director, Mr. I. Katz. Prof. Kurauchi lunched with members of the University's academic staff.

Street Named After Azriel Carlebach

RAMAT GAN. — A street named after the late Azriel Carlebach, the founder and first editor of "Ma'ariv," was officially dedicated on Sunday the third anniversary of his death.

Among those present at the ceremony were members of the family, the "Ma'ariv" staff and Board of Directors, public figures, Hebrew writers and friends.

The street, which is called "Rehov Azriel," is near the National Park in Salame Gimmel. Mr. A. Krinitzi, Mayor of Ramat Gan, and Mr. A. Dissenchick, the editor of "Ma'ariv," spoke at the ceremony. His daughter, Tekuma, unveiled the nameplate, and his widow cut the ribbon, opening the road to traffic.

After the ceremony, there was a gathering at the graveside in the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

Maronites Celebrate Founder's Fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Feast of St. Maron, founder of the Maronite sect in the Lebanon in the 4th century, was celebrated here on Sunday. A large congregation flocked to the Maronite Church. Among them were Mayor Amin Jarjura, the Military Governor's representative, Rav-Seren A. Katz; the Military Governor's Adviser on Civil Affairs, Dr. G. Pollack; senior officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and notables from the religious communities.

High mass was celebrated by Father Abdullah Kahwaji, head of the local Maronite community.

Broadcast of Excerpts From Graves' Talks

Excerpts from two of Mr. Robert Graves' lectures during his recent visit to Israel will be broadcast by Kol Yisrael. Parts of his talk on "How It Feels to Be A Goy" will be broadcast on Monday (today) after the 11 p.m. news. His lecture on "Modern English Poetry" will be broadcast at the same time on the following Monday, February 16.

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Bus Co-op Warns Jerusalem On Great Danger of Narrow Road

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hamekasher bus co-operative warned the Jerusalem Municipality on Sunday that unless the approach road to the suburb of Kiryat Yovel was widened within the next few weeks, the number 18 line using that road would be discontinued. The warning came in a meeting between Mr. Israel Lietz, Secretary of the Cooperative, and Municipality representatives.

The Municipality said that no funds were now available to widen the road. Mr. Lietz warned that there was the danger of a serious accident at one spot where there is no shoulder. Should a bus go off the road there it would drop hundreds of metres into the Ein Karem valley.

As the meeting ended, a report was received that a bus number 18 driven by Mr. Naphtali Pelli, 48, who has a perfect 25-year record, was forced off the road at that spot by an oncoming truck. Only his exceptional skill saved the GMC vehicle from hurtling into the valley with its 50 passengers.

The passengers in the bus were so shocked by their narrow escape that they climbed out of the vehicle through the windows as soon as it stopped. No one was hurt.

The road at the danger spot is 3.5 metres wide. Hamekasher drives mainly Leyland Tiger buses to Kiryat Yovel. They are 2.45 metres wide.

On November 24, *The Jerusalem Post* published a statement by Mr. Lietz that he had warned the Municipality of the danger.

Local Polio Vaccine On Market Soon

A regular supply of locally-produced Salk poliomyelitis vaccine should be available to Israelis beginning in a few months, Dr. Baruch S. Levin, head of Rafa Laboratories, told the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday, when he was received on the occasion of Rafa's 20th anniversary year.

Rafa Laboratories is now in the final stages of preparing the polio vaccine and will shortly begin safety tests which will be carried out simultaneously by the Government Virus Epidemiological Laboratories in Jaffa.

Dr. Levin also informed the President that Rafa will award IL1,000 in educational prizes during 1959 to children of doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, bacteriologists and chemists. The contest is designed to encourage an interest in the sciences by Israel youth. Details will be announced in the near future.

Export Prospects

Supplies of polio vaccine should be available locally within two to three months, and for exports shortly after that. Several countries have already indicated their desire to purchase the vaccine from Israel.

A new building is now going up near the present plant in Romema which will make possible a further major increase in exports, according to Dr. Levin.

An etching of his grandfather, Shmarya Levin, the well-known Zionist leader, was presented to the President by Dr. Levin's son, Shmarya.

Dutch to Establish Arab Studies Centre

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM. — A Netherlands Centre for Arab Studies is to be established shortly, probably in the Middle East. This was announced in Leyden at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Netherlands Archaeological-Historical Institute in Istanbul. The Directors of the Institute, which was inaugurated by Prince Bernhard last March, include representatives of Royal Dutch Shell, Unilever, the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company and the Archbishop of Utrecht, Mgr. B.J. Alfrink.

One Great Big Happy Family

BIRMINGHAM (Reuter). — The Town Council of Oudley near here is to house 39-year-old Joseph New, his 36-year-old wife Margaret, and his 27-year-old mistress Sadie, in a £1,600 Council House with the ten children of the two women, a Sunday paper reported yesterday.

The paper, "The People," said both women have pleaded to be permitted to live together with New, a demolition worker.

He explained that he had been married 15 years when he met Sadie. When she was about to have a baby they all held a conference. Since then she had three more.

Time Limit

CAPETOWN (Reuter). — The daughters of a wealthy businessman, George Henry Starck, who died last October 7 at the age of 76, will receive an additional £10,000 under his will for every child born to them within 12 months of his death, it was disclosed yesterday.

Histadrut Membership Up by 34,000

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut membership increased by 34,806 to 653,833 in 1958, a Histadrut spokesman stated on Friday. This does not include members who did not pay their dues during the year and whose membership cards have therefore been suspended.

The number includes 201,077 housewives as against 191,117 in 1957.

Excellent Potato Crop in Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Despite the unseasonable weather, the potato crop in the Negev this season was excellent and 12,000 tons were harvested from 9,000 dunams.

Moshav Mivtahim, in the western Negev, exported to Britain 500 tons of potatoes and 300 tons of tomatoes. The settlement now has its own sorting and packing plant.

VISIT. — Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Premier of Cambodia, left Pnom Penh for a five-day visit to Indonesia.

Three Stamps showing Israel wild flowers that will appear on the 11th Independence Day, May 15. The 300 pruta stamp shows a narcissus, the 150 pruta stamp, a cyclamen, and the 60 pruta stamp — an anemone. The stamps will go on sale at the beginning of May.

Budget Debate To Continue

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

It has not yet been decided whether the Knesset debate on the appointment of Mr. Peretz Naphtali as Minister of Social Welfare (and indirectly on the appointment of Dr. Giora Lotan as Director-General of the Ministry) will be held this week or next.

Although the assignment of a portfolio to a Minister already in Cabinet does not automatically entail a debate, 40 Knesset Members have asked that such a debate be held, and the request must be granted.

Otherwise, the Knesset session this week will be devoted entirely to the debate on the 1959/60 Budget which began two weeks ago.

Tomorrow, the House will sit from 3-6 p.m. in order to enable members of the Histadrut parties to attend the opening of the Histadrut Council meeting in Tel Aviv in the evening.

Consumer Shops In New Areas

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV. — Consumers in development areas will in the future be asked to take over the running of their local "Hamashbir La'oleh" cooperative stores *(tsorchaniyot)*, according to a decision of the Hevrat Ha'ovdim Secretariat here on Wednesday. These stores have hitherto been managed by a subsidiary of Hamashbir Hamerkazi in cooperation with the Jewish Agency.

The new owners of the stores will be expected to organize local cooperative societies. In cases where there is no prospect of local residents organizing such stores in 1959, the stores may be closed till the end of the year. In other cases, however, the Retail Consumers Cooperative Union will look after such stores in new areas until such time as they can find adequate local management.

JNF to Plant Record 7 Million Trees

Over four million trees have been planted by the Jewish National Fund this season and three million more saplings are scheduled to be planted before the season is over, it was announced in Jerusalem.

This is the peak seasonal planting schedule to be planned by the J.N.F. Some 6,000 workers are employed daily in the afforestation work, which will have provided 650,000 work days before the season is over. With this season's programme, the total number of trees planted in Jewish National Fund forests will reach 35 million.

Ailing Armenian Pilgrim Returns from Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An ailing 60-year-old Armenian from Jaffa who fell ill in Jordan during a Christmas pilgrimage there last month was repatriated on Sunday through Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

The pilgrim, Leon Kiryake Aghazarian, who has still not recovered, was driven in a Jordanian taxi as far as no-man's-land where his wife and two sons, who had travelled up from Jaffa, awaited him. Israel police and the sons carried the man, pale and drawn, across to the Israel side of the border.

Mr. Aghazarian spent three weeks in hospital in the Old City and requested repatriation to Israel when his condition deteriorated.

The Jerusalem District Officer, Mr. Raphael Levy, said that the man was one of five Armenians who failed to return on time after spending the Christmas holiday in Jordan. He added that four Arab women from Galilee who also crossed the lines had married while in Jordan and would not return to Israel.

Two other women, from Jerusalem, had failed to return. One of them, Saideh Pano, is aged 90.

Dispute Over Ships' Routine Maintenance

HAIFA. — The Seamen's Union and the Hayama Shipyard, a Koor affiliate, are at odds over the question of who is to undertake routine maintenance aboard Zim ships.

An efficiency committee appointed by the Histadrut Executive has recommended trimming ships' crews as an economy measure. The Union has pointed out that money could be saved by employing redundant Zim seamen on routine maintenance of ships, when they are in port, instead of having Hayama do the work at extra cost.

Hayama strongly opposes the proposed inroad into what it regards as its domain. Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut's holding and economic control organization, is now to rule on the dispute.

DANCE. — The Surabaya (Java) police commission has banned such dances as the cha-cha-cha, rhumba and the like "in order to safeguard general order and to keep moral norms."

Wolves Take over League Spot

LONDON (Reuter). — The neck and neck race for the English Football League Championship produced another leadership switch Saturday—Wolverhampton Wanderers, seeking the title for the second successive year, taking over from Arsenal on goal average.

Arsenal, hampered by the absence of their suspended star Tom Docherty, were held to a 0-0 draw by lowly Manchester City. The Wolves, trailing 1-2 at halftime, staged a three goal second half rally to win 4-3. Manchester United, away to Tottenham, moved into third place with a 3-1 win. Bobby Charlton, sharp-shooting England star, put them on top with two first half goals.

There were shocks for leadership-challenging Bolton and Preston. Bolton crashed 3-0 on Nottingham Forest's ground and Preston were thrashed 5-1 at Birmingham.

Youth gathered the glory in the Chelsea-West Ham London "Derby." Chelsea, whose forwards averaged 18, won 5-2, with 17-year-old Bobby Tambling (left-wing) and Barry Bridges (centre-forward), making their League Debut, scoring in the first half. Inside-left Jimmy Greaves, 18, scored after the interval.

Division I's bottom position is still shared by Portsmouth and Aston Villa. The Villa led until the closing stages at Blackpool before losing 1-2, while Portsmouth were one up at half time at Blackburn, only to lose by the same score.

Wednesday Increase Lead

Sheffield Wednesday increased their lead at the top of Division II, scoring a 2-0 win away over Leyton Orient, as injury-hit Fulham, their closest challengers, lost 0-2 away to Derby County. Liverpool maintained their challenge with a 3-2 home win over Bristol City.

Hull City now share the Division III leadership with Plymouth, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Colchester while Hull won 1-0 away over Accrington Stanley. Port Vale, who had shared the same points total as Coventry City and Millwall, displaced Coventry as Division IV leaders, collecting full points while Coventry drew and Millwall lost.

Glasgow Rangers increased their lead of the Scottish First Division with a 3-1 away win over St. Mirren. Second-placed Motherwell suffered a set back on Third Lanark's ground, losing 2-5. AYR United, runaway leaders of Division II, trounced Albion Rovers 6-2.

In Edinburgh, Scotland confounded their critics by beating Wales by 6 points (1 penalty goal, one try) to 5 (1 goal) in a Rugby Union International. All the points came in the first half. The Welsh withstood terrific pressure late in the second half and nearly all the honours went to the Scottish pack.

RESULTS: English League: Div. I: Birmingham 5, Preston 1; Blackburn 2, Portsmouth 1; Blackpool 2, Villa 1; Chelsea 3, West Ham 2; Leeds 1, Everton 0; Luton 6, Burnley 2; Man. C. 0, Arsenal 0; Newcastle 3, Wolves 4; Notts F. 3, Bolton 0; Tottenham 1, Man. U. 3; West Brom. 2, Leic. C. 2. Div. II: Brighton 2, Huddersfield 0; Bris. R. 3, Lincoln C. 0; Derby 3, Fulham 0; Grimsby 4, Cardiff 1; Ipswich 0, Sunderland 2; Leyton O. Sheff. W. 2; Liverpool 3, Bris. C. 2; Middlesbro. 1, Charlton 3; Rotherham 1, Scunthorpe 0; Sheff. U. 5, Barnsley 0; Swansea 1, Stoke 0. Div. III: Accrington 0, Hull 1; Bury 0, Notts C. 1; Chesterfield 3, Mansfield 1; Donc. 0, Bournemouth 1; Halifax 0, Brentford 0; Newport 3, Swindon 0; Plymouth 1, Colchester 1; Q.P.R. 1, Southend 3; Rochdale 1, Norwich 2; Southampton 1, Brad. C. 2; Stockport 2, Wrexham 2; Tranmere 2, Reading 1. Div. IV: Bradford 3, Crystal P. 0; Coventry 1, Gillingham 1; Crewe A. 1, Southport 1; Darlington 5, Barrow 2; Millwall 0, Gateshead 1; Northampton 2, Hartlepools 1; Port V. 5, Aldershot 2; Shrewsbury 4, Carlisle 1; Torquay 3, Exeter 4; Walsall 3, Oldham 0; Workington 3, Watford 1; York 1, Chester 1. Scottish League: Div. I: Aberdeen 4, Stirling 1; Airdrie 0, Gun o Sth 1; Clyde 4, Hibs. 1; Dunfermline 0, Kilmarnock 3; Falkirk 3, Celtic 2; Hearts 1, Dundee 0; Patrick Th. 1, Raith 3; St. Mirren 1, Rangers 3; Th. Lanark 5, Motherwell 2.

Patterson-Johansson Sign for June Title

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight boxing champion, and Ingemar Johansson, of Sweden, have signed a contract for a title fight in the U.S. in June. It will be Patterson's fourth defence of the title. Johansson holds the European championship.

The terms of the contract call for Patterson to receive 40% of the gate, or $300,000 and Johansson 20% or $100,000. There is a clause calling for a return fight within 90 days.

JORDAN TRAFFIC IN FORGED EXAM PAPERS

Seven Jordanians who were found with forged matriculation certificates have been arrested in Irbid, the Old City daily "A-Diffa" reported on Sunday. They admitted to having paid 50 dinars for each document. They will be brought to trial.

CENSUS. — The Jersey City Board of Education has agreed to discontinue a religious census in the city's public schools following a complaint by the American Jewish Congress to the State Education Commissioner.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

FEBRUARY 8, 1959.

Pop. Loan 1949/59 (11.50)	94½
5% Comp. Loan 56/57	77
Pal. Bearer Bds "ser. 1	96
4½% Comp. Loan	67½
4½% Tavel Dollar 52	96½
5% Reg "Sterling "B"	101½
Def. Loan Bonds 62/5 f)	103½
4% Def. Bonds f)	105
3½% Def. Bonds 52)	102
4% Lee C. Debs. f)	103½
4½% Lee. C. Debs 52)	103
Pal. Elec. pref 5% (Ldn.)	103½
4½% Bonds 52/53 f)	110½
ditto g)	
Koror Haytseed	
6½% Deb 52/53 f)	103
ditto r)	104½
5% Deb. 52/53 f)	103
ditto g)	103½
Igroth 6½% Deb, 52/53	104
Nasaro 6½% Deb. 52/53	
Class "A" f)	103½
Class "B" g)	103½
Nasaro 6% pref. ord. sh.	85½
Sh. Leumi ord. sh.	150½
Bearer Savings Cert, '59	97
Sh. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. 'B' reg.	116
5½ ord "B" sh.	85½
"Kardaneh" ord "B"	85½
5% con. debs. 55/62	84
"Tevo" pref. sh.	89
Pal. Cold St. (11.50.-) reg.	119
stmr 4% debs. 56/65	89½
Nir 5% pref sh.	91½
Gen Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	91
6½% Debs. 61/62 f)	105
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	81½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	89½
Moller ord. sh. reg.	1090
Pal. Brewery 5% con. debs	81
Assts Bejarano "B" sh.	72½
Nesher 6% debs "A" 55/64	115
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	88
Dead Sea Works	275
Delek ord. sh. "C"	107½
Jordan Exploration Co.	
Ord. sh. reg.	88
G.U.S.—Reserv Ltd.	
6½ debs 61/62 (bearer) f	103½
Housing Loan, "A" 59/62	
4½% (bearer) f)	103
Housing Loan, "C," 60/62	99
6%(reg. g)	
Clore Ltd.	
6% Debs. 61/64 (bearer)	101½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupon; d) linked with $; g) linked with ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) C.o.L.; z) in % of IL1,000.

H.U. Promotions

The Hebrew University announces the following promotions: Dr. Pinhas Efrati from Clinical Lecturer to Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine; and Dr. Samuel Schorr from Clinical Lecturer to Associate Professor of Roentgenology.

Check Your Bond Numbers

The State Loans Authority of the Bank of Israel has published a booklet giving the numbers of prize bearing bonds drawn at various lotteries, and which were not redeemed by December 31, 1958.

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The booklet is also on sale at all book stores selling Government publications.

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Cinemas

JERUSALEM
2.30, 6.45, 8.45
ARNON: The Great Dictator.
EDEN: Saddle the Wind.
OR GIL: Paris Canaille.
ORION: The Bridge on the River Kwai 5, 8 (last week).
TEL OR: Les Jeunes.
ORNA: Mardi Gras.
RON: Sahara.
SEMADAR: Ek Hi Rasta (On the Way).
ZION HALL: Le Gorille vous salue bien (Secret Service Agent No. 1).
EDISON: Battle Stripe.
STUDIO: We're No Angels.

TEL AVIV
2.30, 7.15, 9.15
ALLENBY: Jacobowsky and the Colonel.
ARMON DAVID: Charmante garcons.
CHEN: Around the World in 80 Days. 5, 8.30.
EDEN: Habib el Omr.
ESTHER: The Brothers Karamazov.
GAT: Passion.
MAXIM: Indiscreet.
MOGRABI: The Key.
MIGDALOR: A Night to Remember.
OPHIR: Le désordre et la nuit.
ORION: Les amants (last week).
PEER: The Seventh Sin.
SHDEROTH: Madame Butterfly.
TAMAR: Touch of Evil.
TCHELET: UR.
TEL AVIV: Rally Round the Flag, Boys.
YARON: The Valley of Decision.
ZAMIR: Ah, les belles bacchantes.
ZAFON: Toi, le venin.

HAIFA
2.30, 6.45, 9
ATZMON: Indiscreet.
GAL ON: The Ellen Morgan Story.
PEER: Liana (The Jungle Girl).
MORIAH: The Barretts of Wimpole Street.
ARMON: Kings go forth.
EN DOR: Battle Hymn.
ORLY: Montparnasse 19.
AMPHITHEATRE: In Love and War.
ORAH: Rose Bernd.
ORION: Stamped (the Big Land).
MAY: Quartier Interdit.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
422, 249, 38.8 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Smetana: "The High Castle." Albeniz: "Iberia." Chabrier: "Fete Polonaise." Rimsky-Korsakov: "Dubinushka," opus 42. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Israel Songs. 1.30 Trio Reisner (Harmonicas). 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music.

4.30 p.m. News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Y. Elitsur answers Biblical queries. 6.45 "From the Bookshelf." 7.20 At the Cinema. 7.40 A friendly get together over a "finjan" of coffee — 43. by Y. Ben-Israel and H. Yavin. 8.10 Hebrew Songs by Jonel Patin and Yohanan Boehm Performed by Rema Samsonov (Mezzo-Soprano); at the Piano: M. Lustig. 8.35 New Records of Classical Music. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu — chap. 41 & 42. 9.10 Political Commentary by B. Eliav. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up." 10.30 Symphonic Music. Lotter: Slavonic Scherzo. Lavry: Three Israel Dances. Arensky: Variations on a theme by Tchaikowsky. Copland: "Hoe Down." 11.10 Talk by Mr. Robert Graves: "How it feels to be a Goy."

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 480, 202.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Tunes of the Nations. 6.50 Contemporary Music. Schoenberg: Five Pieces for Orchestra, op. 15. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Yemenite. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.97 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 8.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 "Kol Zion Correspondents' Report." 6.50 Tune of the Week. 6.55 "From the Federation."

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 7.25 "Kol Zion Correspondents' Report." 10.35 "Hit Parade."

ARMY PROGRAMME (43.4, 216, 226 & 236 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.40 Request Programme for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Hit Parade." 7.45 Encore. 8.00 "Projector." 8.25 Classical Music: Works by Nicolai, Havel, Villa-Lobos and Delibes. 9.00 News. 9.15 Pleasant Tunes. 9.30 "Soldier's Platform." 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.66, 16.96, 13.92, 13.82). 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. On the Spur of the Moment.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 495 M.): 7.30 a.m. News. 12.30 p.m. Midday Melodies. 1.30 News. 4.30 The Goons in "The Dreaded Piano Clubber." 7.00 News and Commentary. 7.35 Excerpts from "Carousel." 10.00 A Young People's Forum on Books from Marlborough College. 10.30 "Meet Mr. Crosby." 11.00 News.

Where to go

• Meet the Israeli: —
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

— JERUSALEM —

• Zoo:—
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-6.

• Exhibitions: —
New finds from excavations of the French Archaeological Mission at Beersheba. Chalcolithic Ossuaries from Azor, Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1; 3-6.

Permanent exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art. Expressionism UNESCO Travelling Exhibition of Watercolours (reproductions). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum, 9-1; 2.30-6.

Exhibition by David Witman, Abraham Neaati, and Nahum Kook. Also: Drawings by Z. Schreter (Paris): "Impressions of Israel, France, Spain." Artists House, 10-1; 4-6.

Hedva Litzhits-Tessler; gouaches, watercolours and drawings. Paintings by 20 Israel Artists. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1; 3-6.

• Lecture:—
"Israel's Higher Education Problems," — Dr. Avidor, Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi, 8.30.

• Film Shows: —
Israel Films daily, 11.30 a.m. Keren Hayesod Hall.

• Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

— TEL AVIV —

• Exhibitions:—
Contemporary Art from Museum collection. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum. 10-1; 4-7.

Oils and gouaches by Yehuda Razgour, Artists' Pavilion, 9 Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7.

Modern Art in Israel. Artists' Gallery, Beit Hamlin, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1, 4-7.

• Theatres —
Ohel: "Black Sabbath," Sold Out. 8.30.

• Y.O.A. House:—
Tourist Service, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Tourist Service:—
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 23239.
Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26535. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

• Zoological Gardens: —
Open between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

— HAIFA —

• Tourist Service:—
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 23 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67955.

• Exhibition:—
Consumer Goods Exhibition; Plastic Products, Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot Haifa, 10-1; 4-7.

• Lectures:—
Mr. Shalom Ben Chorin on: "The Role of Prayer in Modern Life." Wizo Club House, 6 Rehov Zionit, Central Carmel, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Moriah Synagogue. Public invited.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: Sabena 537 from Brussels, Vienna and Athens, 2240. T.W.A. 800 from N.Y., Paris, Zurich, Rome and Athens, 2240. Alitalia 496 from Rome and Athens, 2400. K.L.M. 527, from Amsterdam and Munich, 0010 (Tuesday). Olympic 614, from London, Paris, Rome, Athens and Nicosia, 0060. (Tuesday).

DEPARTURES: B.E.A. 127 to Athens, Rome and London, 815. Swissair 333 to Athens and Zurich, 700. El Al 471 to Rome, Munich and Brussels, 830. El Al 101 to Kano, Leopoldville and Johannesburg, 0040. (Tuesday).

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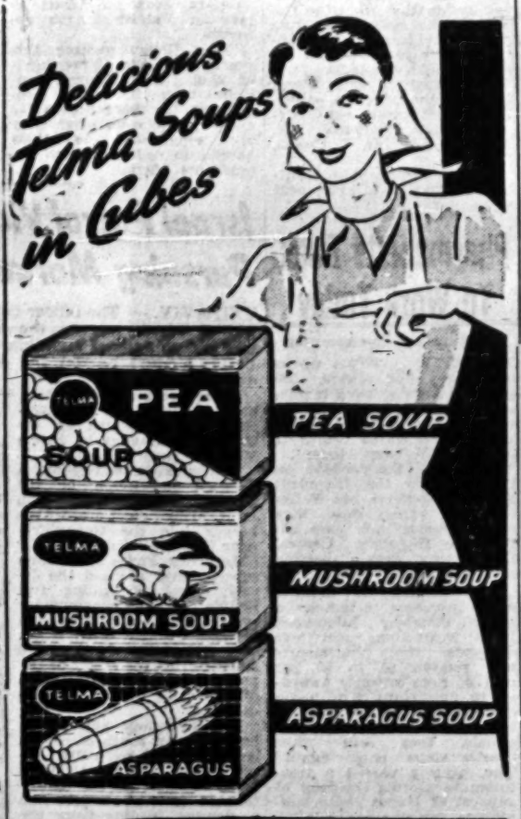
HOSTESS: Mrs. Leah Beth-Eli.



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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy. Temperatures will remain below normal.

	A	B	C	D
M. Cana'an	87	1	7	—
Tiberias	87	3	15	15
Haifa Port	87	6	13	13
Natanya	80	6	14	15
Tel Aviv Kirya	80	6	13	13
Tel Aviv Port	81	8	13	13
Lydda Airport	77	5	13	13
Jerusalem	58	4	9	9
Beersheba	65	4	14	13
Sdom	41	8	19	19
Elat	60	6	18	19

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAINFALL (in mm.)

	A.	B.	C.
Haifa Port	0.7	353.8	633
Tel Aviv Port	3.8	267.7	516
Tel Aviv Kirya	3.5	226.6	532
Lydda Airport	1.3	197.5	492
Nir Yitzhak	1.0	13.7	—

A. Total rainfall till 8 a.m. Sunday.
B. Rainfall total as of 1.2.1958.
C. Annual average.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Pinhas Ginsburg, Director-General of the Ministry of Transport, from Paris, where he was on a Ministry mission.

Mr. Zvi Dinstein, Director of Foreign Currency Division in the Ministry of Finance, from Paris, where he was on a Ministry mission.

Daniel Barenboim, the young Israel pianist, from London, where he performed at Royal Festival Hall and appeared on television.

DEPARTURES

Dr. R. Bachi, Professor of Statistics and Demography at the Hebrew University, for Geneva, to attend the meeting of the U.N. Population Committee.

Dr. Rafael Orizondo, Cuban Minister, and Mrs. Orizondo, to Havana, for home leave.

289 IMMIGRANTS from North Africa and Eastern Europe arrived in Haifa in the s.s. Acolia last night (Sunday). The newcomers will come ashore this morning and will be taken to development areas. Ten families will settle in Jerusalem.

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MEMBERS of the Chicago United Jewish Appeal Mission yesterday visited Eilat.

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THE ISRAEL FUEL Corporation "Delek" has announced that it will provide free fuel for all motorscooters going to and coming back from the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Liberation of Eilat on February 21.

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THE MINISTRY of Commerce and Industry has bought 270 tons of fowl and 2,500 calves in order to assure a supply of meat at reasonable prices for Passover.

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THE NAZARETH town council approved the 1959/60 budget of IL685,000 on Friday.

Driver Guilty Of Manslaughter

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed an appeal by the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohn, and increased from six months to one year the sentence imposed on a driver who had killed a pedestrian.

While the District Court found the driver guilty of causing the death of the pedestrian through gross negligence that was not criminal negligence, the High Court found him guilty of manslaughter.

The maximum punishment for causing death without criminal negligence is two years. The maximum punishment for manslaughter is life imprisonment.

The driver, Ya'acov Saha, 30, ran over and killed Mrs. Rachel Deutsch on the Natanya road about three years ago. He was driving late at night in a private car which was not licensed and which did not belong to him. His own licence (to drive only trucks and motorcycles) had expired three years previously.

The Attorney General himself appeared before the High Court in order to seek a leading decision on the question of the two different convictions. Mr. Cohn argued that it was enough for the prosecution to show that the act which caused death had been illegal (such as driving without a licence) and could conceivably have caused death, in order to prove manslaughter.

The Court did not go into this question of principle since the case did not require such a decision. *(Itim.)*

Boys Hurt by Shell Blast Improving

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The condition of the four 16-year-old pupils at the Hadassim Youth Village who were injured on Saturday by a shell explosion was on Sunday reported by the Tel Hashomer Hospital to have improved.

Zohar Mishael and Ariel Zilber who suffered serious leg injuries were much better, it was said, and the utmost efforts were being made to avoid operations. The other two, Gabriel Start and Gideon Goldschlagger, were said to be well on the way to recovery.

Worker Disappears Near Kfar Yavne

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR YAVNE. — Police were combing the sand dunes along the seashore here late Sunday night for Shimon Levi, 54, a resident of this village.

Levi, a Jewish National Fund labourer, vanished at 2.30 p.m. when he went to call a work party to come to a waiting vehicle. His disappearance was reported to police in Rehovot at 5 p.m. and since then the force has been searching for him.

Late at night they were joined by 50 local volunteers.

Private Restitution May Take 12 Years

Bonn Can't Find Staff for Job

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The payment of restitution by West Germany to private Jewish claimants is progressing so slowly that, at the present rate, the process will take 12 years to complete instead of four, as originally laid down, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told a press conference in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Dr. Goldmann, who is Chairman of the Jewish Material Claims Conference, said that some 500,000 claims had not yet been dealt with by the German authorities and at a recent meeting with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer he had pointed out the suffering which this delay had caused among elderly and needy Jewish victims of Nazism.

Dr. Adenauer had promised to adopt several of Dr. Goldmann's proposals for speeding up payments and had declared publicly that the process would be completed within the stipulated four year period.

The delay was not due to ill-will of the German authorities, Dr. Goldmann said, but to the difficulty in recruiting staff to carry out the somewhat thankless administrative work in a country where there was already full employment.

Referring to the plight of Rumanian Jews "who suffered under the Nazis but got nothing," Dr. Goldmann said the problem was a difficult and tragic one. The case for granting them restitution was based on moral grounds since these Jews, being in Rumania, were unable to submit their claims in time.

Moreover, the restitution law stipulated that the Nazis must be shown to be the main factor responsible for the persecution which the claimants suffered. It therefore had to be proved that anti-Semitism in Rumania, during the Nazi occupation and previously, when the country was allied to Germany, was due to Nazi influence.

Case of Rumanian

Dr. Goldmann said that he had urged the West German Finance Minister to award restitution payments on moral grounds, supporting this with the added argument that restitution payments in general had amounted to far less than the German authorities had anticipated. A complex case involving the claims of a Rumanian Jew had been pending before the German courts for some time, and Dr. Goldmann said he would seek advice whether to press the claims of Rumanian Jewry through legal action or to open diplomatic negotiations.

A decision on this matter could also affect Hungarian and Polish Jewry, he said, and thus lay an additional burden on the German Treasury. He stressed, however, that the West German authorities were displaying a high degree of understanding.

The situation regarding restitution to Austrian Jews was unsatisfactory, Dr. Goldmann declared. The Austrian Government was now prepared to increase its promised commitment of $25m. by only another $6m. This followed negotiations which he had carried out with them with the help of the U.S. and Britain.

Negotiations were now being continued by representatives of Austrian Jewry, together with the two Western Powers, but Dr. Goldmann doubted whether there would be much of an increase in the figure of $6m.

When it came to obtaining restitution for Austrian Jews, he added, "the Germans say that Austria is responsible—after all, she produced Hitler — and that Austria should pay, while the Jews are left in the middle, getting almost nothing."

Goldmann Plan on Grave Disinterment Supported

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The French Government on Sunday cabled Dr. Nahum Goldmann that it accepted in principle his counter-proposal to transfer to France the bodies of French victims of the Nazis who are buried in Hohne, adjoining Bergen-Belsen.

Dr. Goldmann told the press that this followed objections by the World Jewish Congress to the French plan to disinter bodies in the mass graves in Bergen-Belsen itself, where nearly 70,000 Jewish victims of the former concentration camp lie buried together with about 100 French nationals.

Some months ago, Dr. Goldmann, who is President of the W.J.C., asked the French authorities to delay the re-interment and said it was impracticable now to determine who the French nationals were.

Dr. Goldmann then suggested that Jewish graves in Hohne, the former Reichswehr barracks adjoining Bergen-Belsen where there are graves of French nationals, be transferred to Bergen-Belsen if the French were able to identify them. This the French Government has now agreed in principle.

The French authorities say that the graves in Hohne are laid out in rows unlike the mass graves in Belsen. The barracks are now occupied by British troops.

A special committee has been formed with representatives of the French and West German Governments, and Dr. Goldmann.

Dr. Goldmann thought that an international Jewish committee might be created to look after the Jewish graves, the upkeep of which would continue to be the responsibility of the West German Government.

Fined for Taking Father's 'Advice'

TEL AVIV.— "My father told me not to let any strangers into the plant," Moshe Kriboushy, a manager of the Shefa Meat Products Company, told a meat inspector who had come to examine the plant.

Kriboushy was brought to trial on Sunday and fined IL300 for preventing an official from carrying out his duties.

Fruit Juice Co. Fined For Evading Taxes

TEL AVIV. — Fines totalling IL18,000 were on Sunday imposed by Magistrate M. Rubin on the Mitzaron Citrus Juice Factory Ltd., on its two managers, Moshe and Masha Aharoni, and on its accountant, Zvi Himelnitzki. They were found guilty of failing to report earnings of about IL22,000 to the income tax authorities in 1956.

All the accused pleaded guilty.

The two managers were charged with having reported a fictitious purchase of fruit juice concentrate for IL17,707 and the accountant Himelnitzki entered this "purchase" in the books. In addition, Himelnitzki, on orders given by the other accused, did not enter in the firm's tax returns the sum of IL5,000 which the company earned by selling sugar on the free market.

The company itself was fined IL13,000; the two managers IL2,000 each, with the choice of six months in jail; and the accountant IL1,000, or three months in jail.

Caesarea Plan Gets Final Approval

The Interministerial Economic Committee on Sunday approved the Government's agreement with the Baron Edmond de Rothschild to develop the Caesarea beach into a summer resort, tourist attraction and garden town, the Committee's spokesman announced in Jerusalem.

A joint company will be formed in which the Government and the Baron de Rothschild will have equal authority. Each party has agreed to invest IL500,000 annually for the next three years, when the agreement will be reconsidered.

The spokesman said that it had been decided to execute the project for a three-year trial period. The project will be an approved investment.

Burma Continues Friendship for Israel

TEL AVIV. — The Burmese Government under the Premiership of General Ne-Win was continuing the policy of friendship to Israel maintained by previous Burmese governments, the head of the Histadrut Political Department, Mr. R. Barkatt, declared here on Sunday.

Mr. Barkatt, who was reporting on his visit to Burma to the Histadrut Central Committee, said that it followed an invitation from the Burmese Government.

Whilst in Burma, he held conversations with heads of state including the Prime Minister, leaders of the Socialist Party and the former Premier, U Nu. Visitors to Southeast Asia today were impressed that many things had changed and especially that the "Myth of Bandung" has collapsed, Mr. Barkatt reported.

NEW YEAR. — Silence hung over the Quemoy offshore islands on Sunday as both the Nationalist and Communist Chinese observed a cease-fire in their six-month-old artillery duel in honour of the 4,656th Chinese New Year.

Credit Given on Reparations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reparations receipts will largely come to an end in about four years because the West German government has been giving Israel advance payments, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the President of the World Zionist Organization, told a press conference in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Replying to questions, he said that the deadline of seven to eight years, as stated by Dr. F. Shinnar, Director of the Shilumim Corporation, was only "formally correct," since after about four years most of the allocations would not add to the Israel Treasury. The Federal Government has made advance payments through various transactions and credits from German banks which will have to be repaid, he explained.

Other points reported by Dr. Goldmann are:

● **His meeting with Mr. Ben-Gurion:** "I reported on my talks with Mr. Hammerskjold and with officials of the U.S. State Department, but the main topic was immigration and absorption." The Arabs, he thought, were not interested now in raising the "Israel question" at the U.N. as they are preoccupied with other matters, though the refugee question will come up at the next U.N. Assembly.

● **Jewish Agency — Government relations:** There are now no difficulties, since both sides realize the needs of the present situation. There are only minor differences between Ministries, e.g. the Ministry of Labour, and Agency departments.

● **The broadening of the Zionist movement:** There is a suggested list of Jewish non-Zionist organizations in the U.S. for possible membership in an advisory council attached to the Jewish Agency. The Council members would be consulted on the budget and its use, but have no vote. Most of the organisations are ready in principle to join. As the U.S. organizations had wished to know the opinion of the Israel Government — even though it was not strictly a matter for the Government—the Cabinet, after some doubts, approved the scheme. (However, according to its charter, a change in the composition of the Jewish Agency requires the Government's approval). Should the Council prove a success, the next Zionist Congress will consider the inclusion of these organizations on the Agency's Executive.

Dr. Goldmann said that the plenary meeting of the Agency's Executive scheduled for this month will probably be postponed to May. This will also facilitate drawing up the Agency's 1959-60 budget, since by then the level of income will be known.

● **Russian Jewry's participation in the World Jewish Congress:** Dr. Goldmann reported that he had raised the matter with the Soviet Ambassador in the U.S., and the W.J.C. had submitted a memorandum to the Soviet authorities to allow a delegation to attend the W.J.C.'s conference in Stockholm in August. Referring to an Agence France Presse report that the Soviet Government had agreed, he said, "I'd be surprised if they agreed so quickly (in one month), but anything is possible." He said he would investigate the source of the report when he returned to Paris. To facilitate the participation of the East European delegations, Stockholm was chosen instead of Israel as the site of the conference.

● **Anti-Semitism in Germany:** With only 30,000 Jews in Germany, mostly aliens, the problem is not serious. However, Dr. Adenauer has expressed some concern and has undertaken to study a number of Dr. Goldmann's suggestions for fighting anti-Semitism.

● **The London "Jewish Observer":** He criticized the journal for sometimes being sensational in its treatment and interpretation of news.

Dr. Goldmann is leaving for the U.S. — "now the front" — on Wednesday. He has placed himself at the disposal of the fund-drives for two months, and will return to Israel for Pessah.

KING. — Homer A. Tomlinson, self-styled "King of the World" on Sunday proclaimed himself "King of Casablanca, Morocco." The 68-year-old American evangelist from Queens Village, New York City, attracted about 50 bystanders for his coronation ceremony.

Bond Sales Up After B-G Speech

TEL AVIV. — Substantially increased activity in the sale of Immigration Loan bonds was reported on Sunday by banks and bond purchase committees in the wake of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's speech before the Immigration Loan Council last Thursday.

Mr. Ben-Gurion then lashed out at the insufficient interest shown by the public in helping to finance the new immigration.

A Kupat Am bank branch here reported that a cleaning woman by the name of Yedida Bat Seir Hermis, of 15 Rehov Shlomo Molcho, came to the bank after hearing radio excerpts of Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech and asked to contribute IL10—her wages for 11 hours of work. When it was explained that the smallest bond cost IL25, she asked to contribute the sum to the Jewish Agency's immigration fund, which was done.

The Artisans Association of Haifa, one of the first organizations to organize its members for the Loan, has already bought IL23,000 worth of bonds. The National Artisans Association had originally pledged less than IL5,000.

The "Eshtam" Metal Working Cooperative in Safad, after hearing Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech, decided to raise their individual contribution from IL25 to IL50.

Histadrut Council Meets Tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— The Prime Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, will address the Histadrut General Council at its opening session at Beit Habimah here on Tuesday (tomorrow) evening. Together with the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Bar Yehuda, the Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai, and Mr. M. Kol, of the Jewish Agency Executive, he will speak on the problems of immigration and absorption.

The General Council meeting will continue on Wednesday, Thursday and possibly Friday morning. Its agenda includes the report of the Histadrut Secretary General, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, and amendments to the Labour Federation's constitution.

Mr. Lavon told the Histadrut Central Committee on Sunday that he would propose to the General Council that elections to the ninth Histadrut Convention be held on May 17.

Mr. Y. Shaari (Oved Hazioni) announced that his faction would oppose this and would demand that the voting take place in September. He was supported by Mr. Y. Yudin (Mapam) who believed that the Histadrut elections should be held at the same time as polling for the Knesset and the local authorities, to spare the country a nine-month long election campaign.

In reply, Mr. Lavon said that the issues facing Histadrut members were of a specific nature and must not be bracketed with those raised during a general election.

REPORT SHOWS:

Israelis Ate Better in 1958

The average Israeli ate better in 1958 than in any other year since 1948. This fact which has become obvious to most housewives during the past year is now proved by figures on food consumption issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

The official report of the Ministry's Food Division indicates increases in the supply of basic foods during 1958. Average *per capita* egg consumption jumped to 34 a month in 1958. It was 28 eggs a month in the previous year.

This was accomplished despite the fact that egg exports in 1958 totalled 200m. as compared to 12m. eggs in 1957. The tremendous increase in the production of eggs from 453 m. to 743m. was the result of the "Egg Agreement" signed between the Government and the Egg Council which guaranteed a continuous flow of eggs and poultry to markets at regular prices.

The supply of poultry reaching the market also increased by 75 per cent over 1957, and the Ministry has announced that it will sign a similar agreement with the poultry raisers for another two years.

The supply of liquid milk also increased by 20 per cent over the previous year, reaching 173m. litres in 1958. This appreciable rise made it possible to give up the use of milk powder in milk products. The percentage of liquid milk distributed in bottles also rose to 83 per cent of all milk sold in 1958, compared to 65 per cent in 1957.

Vegetable supplies also increased by 15 per cent, except for potatoes of which only 69,000 tons were sold in 1958, compared to 75,000 tons in 1957. A similar increase was marked in the supply of fruit which rose above the 1957 mark of 48,000 tons by close to 50 per cent.

STRICTER RULES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

TEL AVIV. — Civil servants who persuade or assist other civil servants to commit disciplinary offences will themselves be considered as having committed an offence and will be brought before a Civil Service Disciplinary Tribunal, the Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. David Rosollo, announced on Sunday.

Hitherto only civil servants who had committed a disciplinary offence were liable for prosecution before the Tribunal. *(Itim.)*

Histadrut Drive In U.S. Raises $1m.

NEW YORK (INA). — Cash gifts totalling $850,000 and pledges for an additional $200,000 were made here on Sunday by 1,000 delegates from 75 communities throughout the U.S. attending the mid-winter Roll-Call Conference of the National Committee for Labour Israel (Histadrut).

Mayor Gershon Agron, of Jerusalem, one of the principal speakers, stressed the significance of organized labour in Israel which, he said, had not only contributed to the economic and social progress of the nation, but "serves to bridge the small nation with the great but underdeveloped free states of Asia and Africa."

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Gaza Infiltrators Step Up Activity

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Increased activity by infiltrators from the Gaza Strip has been reported recently, and informed sources here believe that the Egyptians are again preparing *fedayeen* incursions.

Groups of Egyptians have been reported in recent weeks in various parts of the Negev. The trial of a captured infiltrator began in Beersheba last week, and is due to be resumed next week.

Following another clash recently in which an infiltrator was killed, two anti-personnel mines were found on the body.

Meanwhile, thefts from Negev settlements by infiltrators from the Gaza Strip have increased. On Friday night, 10 sacks of potatoes were stolen from Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak and the tracks of a camel and traces of five men wearing rubber-soled shoes were later found leading towards the Strip. Another group of infiltrators broke into a warehouse near Ashkelon over the week-end and stole various items of equipment. The tracks of men wearing rubber-soled shoes were again found leading towards the border.

Yet another incident, involving the theft of IL500 worth of aluminium irrigation pipes, was reported by Kibbutz Magen.

Security sources state that an increase in the number of such thieving expeditions may be anticipated because of the lull in farm work and the consequent seasonal unemployment among agricultural labourers in the Gaza Strip.

Turk Admits He Spied for Egypt

TEL AVIV. — A Turkish reserve officer, Shehab Tan, 33, on Sunday pleaded guilty in the District Court to having collected information for Egypt in September, 1958.

The Court granted the request of the accused's lawyer to postpone sentence until next Sunday when the Ramle prison doctor who treated the accused could appear in court. The doctor is now ill.

The lawyer said that the doctor's testimony was important since the accused was still suffering from wounds suffered in the Korea War and in subsequent military exercises. His poor health was connected with the behaviour of which he was guilty, claimed the lawyer.

Tan was arrested in October and confessed to being in the pay of the Egyptian intelligence in Turkey which hired him to collect information in Israel for $1,000. In this country, he gathered information of military value and photographed installations such as Haifa Port and the Refineries. *(Itim.)*

Haim Or to Head J'lem Election Body

Mr. Haim Or (Luchinsky), a lawyer, was elected Chairman of the Jerusalem Elections Committee by the Municipal Council on Sunday. The opposition parties abstained on the vote. At the beginning of the meeting, Acting Mayor M. Ish-Shalom eulogized the late Knesset Speaker, Yosef Sprinzak.

The Tel Aviv Municipal Council on Sunday appointed Mr. Shimshon Kaplan, the General Zionist candidate, to head the Election Committee.

Tamir Heads G.Z. Election Drive

TEL AVIV. — The General Zionist Secretary-General, Mr. Yosef Tamir, on Sunday took over control of the party's election campaign, the General Zionist spokesman announced here on Sunday.

During the campaign period, he will be replaced by Mr. Aharon Niri, head of the party's Economic Department.

Edward B. Lawson (above) Ogden Reid (left)

Lawson Bids Farewell to J'lem, Ogden Reid to be U.S. Envoy

The outgoing Ambassador of the U.S., Mr. Edward B. Lawson, was on Sunday the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi. The Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben-Gurion were also present.

The Jerusalem Post has received confirmation from reliable sources of the reports that Mr. Lawson's successor will be Mr. Ogden Reid, former editor of the "New York Herald Tribune."

Mr. Lawson also called on the Foreign Ministry where he took leave of the Director-General, Mr. Walter Eytan, and of the Assistant Directors-General of the Ministry. Later in the day the American envoy was received by Chief Rabbis Herzog and Nissim.

On Sunday evening Foreign Minister Golda Meir gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Lawson at her home.

Among the guests were: The French Ambassador and Mme. P. Gilbert; the Minister of Finance and Mrs. L. Eshkol; the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir; Mr. and Mrs. William O. Baxter; Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Kollek; Mr. Walter Eytan; Mr. and Mrs. Reuven Shiloah; Mr. Michael Comay; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beilin; Mrs. Zena Harman; Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Avner.

Mr. Lawson was also the guest of honour at a reception given by the Jerusalem Branch of the America-Israel Friendship League at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arie Altman on Sunday afternoon. He told the gathering that Israel and Israelis have a tremendous capacity for creating friendship and good relations, and one who leaves this country is always left with the feeling of wanting to come back. I sincerely hope that my wife and I will be able to come back some day."

Dr. Altman, who is chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the Friendship League, presented Mr. Lawson with a Hebrew-English bible on behalf of the society.

Among those present at the reception were the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Olshan; Labour Minister Namir; the Acting Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Mordecai Ish-Shalom; Dr. Ernst Nebenzahl, Mr. Moshe Novomeysky, Mr. Edward E. Gelber, Dr. Kalman Mann, Mr. Moshe Bar-Am, Mr. Gershon Avner, members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council and of the Committee of the Friendship League.

Sunday was Mr. Lawson's last day in Jerusalem, prior to his sailing for home in the Theodor Herzl next Tuesday, Feb. 17.

On Friday, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben-Gurion were the luncheon guests of Mr. Lawson at his home in Tel Binyamin.

Eire Labour Party Leader Arrives

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Mr. William Norton, leader of the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party and former Deputy Prime Minister of Eire, arrived here by B.E.A. on Sunday evening.

With him arrived Mr. Joseph Bloom, a textile manufacturer from Great Britain, who has come fort he cornerstone laying ceremony of the Argadin mill at Kiryat Gat. Mr. Bloom is a director of the IL1m. firm.

Both of the guests are staying at the Dan Hotel here.

Lab Asst's Who Struck May be Disciplined

Public health institutions are considering disciplinary steps against medical laboratory assistants who did not come to work on Sunday, Mr. David Rosolio, Civil Service Commissioner, states in a letter sent on Sunday to the Histadrut Trades Union Department.

Mr. Rosolio noted that the Technicians Organization had decided on the strike without the knowledge of the Histadrut and with no prior notification to their employers. He states that negotiations on the technician's wage demands would not be renewed until they offered a full explanation of and formal apology for their action.

"With the concurrence of the Ministry of Health, Kupat Holim, Hadassah and Malben—I strongly protest this strike," called at the height of negotiations with the Trades Union Department, in which the Technicians Committee fully cooperated, writes Mr. Rosolio. He said the institutions regarded the behaviour of the technicians as "arbitrary, unjustified, and incomprehensible, and inexplicable."

Builders Reject Claims For Social Benefits

POST Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Executive Committee of the Builders and Contractors Association late Sunday night decided to reject the claims for social welfare benefits of the Building Workers Union.

The Committee appealed to the Government to arbitrate. It was also decidde that should the Union strike in any one work place in order to press its claims, there would be a general lock-out.

The employers regard the social welfare claims as "camouflaged wage increases."

Art Treasures Said Found in St. Catherine's

NEW YORK (Reuter).—Unsurpassed treasures of Byzantine art, including nearly 2,000 ikons, have been discovered in the Monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, the oldest existing Greek Orthodox Monastery.

This discovery was announced yesterday in a report by three historians from the universities of Princeton and Michigan in the U.S. and Alexandria in Egypt who made a research expedition to the monastery last summer.

Apart from the ikons, the expedition also discovered a huge mosaic representing the Transfiguration of Christ, which is in perfect condition. It is believed to have been executed in the sixth century.

THE MUSICAL Library and the Thematic Stamp Collectors' Association are to hold an exhibition of stamps depicting musical themes at the Rothschild Youth and Cultural Centre in Haifa from March 7 to April 4. A special envelope with the portrait of composer Felix Mendelssohn will be issued on the day of opening.

First Building For Tel Aviv University

TEL AVIV. — The first permanent building of the Tel Aviv University, to house the faculties of Law and Economics, is now in its initial stages of construction thanks to a $5,000 legacy of the late Joseph Cagan of South Africa, who spent his last years as a resident of Tel Aviv. The building is being constructed on the new University campus north of the Yarkon, a Tel Aviv Municipality spokesman reported on Sunday.

He also announced that a special memorial coin would be struck to commemorate Tel Aviv's 50th anniversary.

New Orleans Jubilee Message for Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — "Your nation is not only a living display of democracy, the only one of its kind in the Middle East, but also provides a new way of life for hundreds of thousands of formerly enslaved individuals from all parts of the globe," declared the Mayor of New Orleans, Mr. de Lesseps Morrison, in a 50th jubilee message to the Tel Aviv Municipality.

"I hope that the coming years will further strengthen the ties of friendship between our two cities and countries," the statement concluded.

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Soviets Test Allied Passage

Check-Point Diplomacy

By SEBASTIAN HAFFNER

BERLIN (OPNS). — THE holding-up at the Soviet checkpoint of Marienborn last week of an American convoy of lorries bound from Berlin for West Germany, and the temporary stoppage of a British Army lorry at Helmstedt, seem designed as a deliberate test case well in advance of the threatened handing over of the Soviet "functions" of "control" of Allied communications with Berlin to the East Germans.

Trivial as they may seem, they look nicely calculated to fix a spotlight on the decisive questions: what are these "functions" and what does "control" mean?

The Western legal position is that the Western Powers have a right to free communications with Berlin across certain agreed stretches of highway, railway and canal, as well as in three air corridors. "Free" communications means that they alone decide who and what passes through these recognized channels of communication. They are not subject to any Soviet let or hindrance, customs duty, or road toll, and hence not to any search or investigation.

The only "functions" which the Soviets have, in the Western view, is to "control" by a check of the travel orders and identity papers of the Allied personnel in question, whether the persons and vehicles arriving at their check points are genuinely travelling by Allied authority. Once this is established, they have to let them pass without further ado: the Soviets can neither question the Allied authority as such — e.g. because the person in question is not military but civilian — nor reserve the right to refuse transit to any person or goods authorized by the Allies for reasons of their own.

'Control' of Papers

By and large, the Soviets have in practice acted in accordance with this legal position — except, of course, during the year of the Berlin blockade; but even then they did not put up a legal argument against Allied rights of access, but simply stopped traffic under a thin pretence of technical repair work. In the 10 years since the end of the blockade, the Soviets have on the whole correctly restricted their "functions" to the "control" of travel orders and identity papers.

There have been a few tentative cases of nibbling at the Allied rights; e.g., Allied military trains have once or twice been held up because some of the passengers were Allied accredited journalists or members of Allied accredited civilian organizations in Berlin, and the Soviets objected to the Allies letting such persons travel under their auspices in the same way as unquestioned military or civilian occupation personnel. But these objections have never been pressed, and, after Allied protests, the Soviets have acquiesced.

On the other hand, the Soviets have, from 1945 onwards, carefully avoided recognizing and defining the "rights" of the Allies and their own "functions" with respect to these rights explicitly and unambiguously. They have always, while on the whole behaving correctly *de facto*, avoided hard-and-fast written commitments *de jure*, and deliberately kept their own view of the legal position a little vague.

Right of Access

It is this, and not the intended transfer of Soviet "functions" to the East Germans as such, which makes this transfer so dangerous. If it were clearly understood on all sides that the Allied rights to free communications with Berlin through the agreed channels are sovereign rights in themselves, which limit the territorial sovereignty of whoever controls the area around Berlin like a mortgage or servitude imposed on it, and that the "functions" which the Soviets want to transfer to the East Germans are limited to a check on whether the travellers in question are *bona fide* Allied travellers, the matter need not be taken too tragically. It would matter little whether a Russian or an East German officer checks and stamps Allied passports and travel orders, if it were certain that the East Germans, like the Russians, know and agree that they have no rights beyond this "function" of checking and stamping these papers.

Unfortunately, this is not so. While the Russians are merely vague on this vital point, the East Germans are quite explicit that they do *not* recognize the Allied communications rights as a limitation of their own sovereignty. As a precondition of accepting a temporary *modus vivendi* in practice they demand that the Allies "respect their sovereignty" — i.e. recognize an East German right of let or hindrance, which the Russians have in practice at least never claimed.

E. German Claim

Here is the crux of the matter. From the Allied point of view, the Russians cannot transfer to the East Germans "rights" which they themselves have never had. They have never had a right to do more than check the identity and Allied travel authority of persons, vehicles, ships or trains demanding passage: this authority established, they have had to let them pass.

But the East Germans claim the right to decide, after this check, whether or not to let the Allies pass. By claiming that their sovereignty limits the Allied rights of passage, instead of the other way round, they reserve the right to search Allied transport, refuse passage to selected individuals or goods according to their own judgment, impose customs duties or road tolls, or even, under some political pretext or other, prohibit Allied traffic altogether. This is a position the Allies cannot accept.

Last week's incidents, trivial as they may look, are therefore liable to establish an extremely important precedent one way or another. In a sense they may be said to open the Berlin crisis, which was expected only at the end of May, now. For, to repeat: the issue of that crisis is not the relatively trivial one whether Russians or East Germans shall carry out the purely formal "function" of checking the travel orders and identity papers of Allied travellers. It is the vital one whether the Allied right of free passage limits and restricts Soviet or East German sovereignty in their territory, or whether it is itself subordinate to that sovereignty; whether the Allies communicate with Berlin by right, or on sufferance.

DOCTOR ADAMANT

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Wage Policy Attacked

IT had seemed, writes Ha'aretz (non-party), that the Histadrut Executive decision on a wage freeze in 1959 constituted a change of policy, pegging wages to productivity. But now it turns out that, by demanding further wage increases, the Histadrut is playing a double game, keeping an eye on the coming elections while it does lip service to the country's economy. Were this an internal Mapai affair, we should not dream of interfering in its campaign; but wage policy is not the exclusive interest of that party, and the State is bound to lose if its designs succeed.

The only means left to preserve a balance of the economy therefore is for the employers to resist the demand with all their might.

Davar (Histadrut) lauds the Eshkol Plan to settle some 10,000 families in agriculture as a first practical step to the absorption of 100,000 immigrants and urges industry too to take a hand in the problem and prepare itself for integration, making bold, like agriculture, to leave the beaten path and strike out for expansion and improvement. This is the great moment for private enterprise: we shall now see if it rises to the occasion to prove that it has practical and constructive initiative.

Haboker (General Zionist) deplores the talk of a compulsory loan for absorption and is hard put to understand why allowance for these needs was not made in the IL1,137m. budget now before the Knesset.

To Davar's hint that the kibbuts should revise its principles so as to absorb more immigrants, Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) replies that the first condition for attracting settlers to kibbutzim is to dissipate the distrust of and hostility to the kibbuts which are so widespread in Israel and often indirectly fostered by official quarters, while at the same time pressure is being exerted on the kibbutz to corrupt its principles on such issues as hiring labour, thus rendering it less attractive ideologically.

Averring that Davar's glee over the "Le Monde" editorial criticizing Herut for "factomania" has been short-lived and that high-ranking General Koenig as well as "L'Aurore" have come out in favour of a pact with Israel, Herut adds that its party will continue to work for deeper Israel-French amity and hopes that it will succeed, for the good of both Israel and France.

Hatzofe (National Religious) blames the U.N. Staff for drawing too hasty a conclusion on the recent Rafa border incident, adding that such speed, dormant when it comes to Arab attacks, only encourages them to further depredations.

A RECOVERY?

Yugoslav visiting soccer team beaten by T.A. Maccabi
(From the Press) By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

Kupat Holim's Role Queried

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is an open secret that large numbers of members of the Histadrut are members only because there is no other way of being accepted into Kupat Holim. It is, of course, impossible to be certain of the actual number of Kupat Holim members who would leave the Histadrut if they could do so without losing their rights to medical insurance, but a rough guess would put the figure as high as 30 per cent, perhaps even a little more.

It is not generally realized by the public that this fact has a direct bearing upon the discussion of how to organize the coming National Health Service. The problem is not being debated on its merits only, i.e. what is best for the patient. In reality, a highly political issue is involved — namely the loss of influence the Histadrut might sustain should large numbers of members break away if a National Health Service were unrelated to membership in the Labour Federation. The same, of course, holds true for membership in the various smaller sick funds, most of which have some sort of political connection.

It is therefore easy to understand that the existing sick funds, and above all Kupat Holim, fight for their continued existence under any National Health Scheme. One may praise the Histadrut or attack it but it would only be fair to put the underlying issues squarely before the public.

Yours etc.
Dr. H. POLLAK
Nahariya, January 18.

Kupat Holim Replies

Kupat Holim, it must be emphasized again, does not consist only of Histadrut members — over 280,000 members of Kupat Holim do not belong to the Histadrut.

Kupat Holim was established by the Israel Labour Movement in order to realize in the field of public health insurance, as in others, its general goal of a society based on social security and human welfare. It is only one, though a very important, aspect of that general programme of activities and of that impressive structure of institutions which have helped, to a very great extent, to create and shape our present advanced Israel society.

We are confident that the efforts of the Histadrut in defending and advancing the economic interests of its wage-earning members and its constructive achievements in agriculture, in industry and in social services, which are also at the same time the achievements of the State, have the support of the majority of the people and of the overwhelming majority of the workers of this country.

Their attachment to the Labour Movement does not depend on their membership in one or another of its specialized institutions. The confidence which the workers have in their own Labour Movement stems from its sustained record of constructive endeavour and from its dynamic and creative management of the workers' affairs in peace and war.

We do not accept Dr. Pollak's assumption that about 30 per cent of the Histadrut's membership would drop away with the removal of the link between Kupat Holim and the Histadrut. We are against this proposal, which is only a slogan devised by the Right to harass and attack the Labour Movement, but not because we are afraid that the Histadrut would be greatly weakened by it.

We favour a system of national health insurance through the existing Sick Funds because we are convinced that it would be to the public's advantage to preserve the spirit of voluntary action and service which has built and maintained Kupat Holim over the last 38 years. The administrative and medical experience which it has gained, the highly successful battle against disease and ill health which it has waged, should not be tampered with, and, we firmly believe, could best be made available to the nation as a whole by following the proposals for national health insurance advanced by the Kanev Committee.

This system of health insurance is in fact in operation in such enlightened, democratic countries as Sweden, Norway and Holland, among others.

Public Relations Department
Kupat Holim
Tel Aviv, February 4.

JOBS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May we take this opportunity of welcoming the Income Tax Commission's initiative in allocating a number of posts for income tax inspectors to new immigrants? To our knowledge, this is the first time any Government department has made a special provision of this kind in issuing an employment tender and we sincerely hope that other departments will follow this excellent example.

At the same time we would like to appeal to employers among your readers to assist us in finding positions for professionals among the newcomers. They can best do this by informing us of vacancies for academically trained personnel of all kinds.

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Yours, etc.
ARIEH HAUSLICH,
Assistant Director, PATWA
Office for Professional Workers
Jerusalem, February 1.

ISRAEL COURTESY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Good for Mr. Edward Ellison (your issue of January 27) and his thanks to the Jerusalem Electric Corporation. That's indeed a "ray of light" (as your title says) and hope. Israelis seem to be downright pessimists and almost morbid in describing life and conditions in this country, to say nothing of their criticism.

Surely everybody has met nice and courteous people here but by some trick of minds, they seem to remember only the unpleasant experiences — to pester the newcomers with!

Not long ago, on a nasty day, I went to Tel Aviv on my scooter which had been behaving badly that morning and just as I entered Rehov Levinsky, the motor stopped dead. In spite of the drizzle, I had to start pushing. Suddenly another scooter slowed down next to me, the man inquiring about my trouble. I explained, and told him I was taking it to the Lambretta service station. The man dismounted, handed me his new scooter and took mine, saying, simply, that he was the foreman there. So I rode while he pushed!

The same evening, on my way home, I took the wrong turn somewhere and couldn't find the Jerusalem road. After a couple of misleading pieces of information (or maybe it was because of my still poor Hebrew), I asked directions of a man in uniform. He began to explain the right and left turns I should take. Then he suddenly waved his hand, saying "Suivez-moi," jumped on his own Lambretta and put me on the road to Jerusalem.

Yours, etc.
ALEXANDER SOLT
Jerusalem, January 29.

New Approach to 'African States'

From Our Ghana Correspondent

WHEN the first conference ever of independent African States on African soil took place in Accra, in April, 1958, certain Nigerian newspapers expressed resentment at the exclusion of the territories which are scheduled to acquire early independence. Shortly before the meeting convened, Dr. Nkrumah sent a three-man mission, headed by Mr. Akoo-Adjei, then Minister of Justice, to Enugu, to explain to Dr. Azikiwe, Premier of the Eastern Region, why the Conference was restricted to the independent States. The Premiers of the other regions were not then able to receive the delegation but it was suggested that a visit from Dr. Nkrumah would be welcomed at some other time.

This visit is now in progress, and Ghana's Prime Minister is to visit all the regions of Nigeria besides the federal capital of Lagos. He will also go to Buea, capital of the Southern Cameroons. The aim of this tour is to extend the climate of unity established with the Guinea-Ghana accord.

'Common Destiny'

Dr. Nkrumah stated this perspective in a speech which he delivered on the evening of his arrival in Lagos, in which he said: "We have a common destiny, a destiny which can be realized only to the extent that we cultivate good neighbourliness and fraternity between us." To this he added that it was his deepest conviction that "we have no alternative to the forging of close associations between the independent African States which have already emerged and those which will emerge in the near future."

Upon the heels of the opening of the Ghana Prime Minister's tour of Nigeria comes a proposal from the Liberian Government for the formation of an organization to be known as the Associated States of Africa. Though relegated to the back pages of the Ghanaian press, this proposal would seem to offer something concrete as a basis of international association in Africa. At the same time it represents a bid by Liberia's President Tubman to give his country a leading place in the wider African community.

Though Liberia has been a Republic for 110 years, it has only been able to survive as a sovereign State by the contrivances of its statesmen. Considering the encroachments which were made by surrounding powers upon her original territory and the various attempts upon her integrity, the fact that she managed to survive at all can be marked up to Liberia as no inconsiderable achievement. Now that his country is developing beyond mere existence, President Tubman is jealous for it to play a role in African affairs which he considers to be more in keeping with Liberia's seniority as an independent State.

While he has given support to African — particularly West African — association, President Tubman has been careful at all points hitherto to stress Liberia's policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations. The latest statement from his Government modifies this somewhat and brings it into line with the resolutions of the Accra Conference of independent African States and the more recent All-African Peoples' Conference, by implying that a Government must be representative of the will of the people and must not violate the fundamental human rights of common concern to the entire world community.

The reaction of the other independent States to the Liberian Government's proposals are not yet known. But the submission that the peoples of Africa could achieve close association and cooperation through operation of the proposals without prejudice to their national or international identities has validity; and it is certain that the proposal will be given careful consideration.

PEN FRIENDS

RAMESH C. Esq., 222 Magul Str., 3rd floor, (left side) Rangoon, Burma, would like to exchange stamps with an Israeli.

MR. M. C. v. LOBBREQT, Lellestraat 12, Capelle a/d IJssel (near Rotterdam), Netherlands, seeks a serious correspondence with one or more Israelis who are also interested in stamps. He is 36, married and works at a big bank in Rotterdam. He can write in Dutch, English or German.

GERT V. HOMEYER, Hamelburg/Ufr., von-der-Tannstr. 15, Germany, would like to exchange stamps with an Israeli.

KEEPING POSTED

SOME people we know have been breaking it gently to their seven-year-old daughter that they intend to go to the United States for two years in a few months' time. She produced several arguments against the plan, including the fact that she had heard that ships weren't safe. "All right, darling," said her mother, "we'll go by plane in any case." After some more thought, the child said "Who's the president there?" "Eisenhower," said the mother. "Well, I've heard he isn't much good," replied her daughter. "If Ben-Gurion goes too, then I don't mind going to America."

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MR. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, prodded the earth in a flower pot at the President's house. "Very nice," he said. "Reminds me of the time when Rachel Ben-Zvi was my boss. I worked in the flower nursery. I couldn't get terribly interested in the job, just squatting by each seedling and loosening the soil round it. First we would go to the party Central Committee session together, and then we would get back here — the President's house is almost on the site of Mrs. Ben-Zvi's old gardening establishment for girls — and she would tell me I was at the wrong lot of seedlings again. But I spent six years at it. Seems a long time ago now."

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A CORRESPONDENT writes:

Everybody knows that Government departments all over the world, and especially in Israel, are notorious. Notorious for everything, not the least for wasting time — your time.

The clerks are impolite, inefficient, in fact cadists intent on making your stay with them as miserable as possible. And it is very possible, particularly in Israel.

I know that I must allow the Ministry of the Interior not less than an hour to issue me with a new identity card. Even before entering I had made up my mind exactly what I would say to the clerk after half an hour, 40 minutes, and so on. "I have an important engagement" (this was true). "Is this the way to treat a citizen and taxpayer? You are forcing people out of the country with your stupidity."

Thus spiritually armed, I went into the office of the Ministry a clear hour before my appointment — and at that moment entered the dream world that Israelis abroad speak about and wish existed. A polite man at an information desk directed me to the correct room, where a kindly clerk listened patiently to my tale. Unfortunately I was at the wrong office (Ha! I knew that I was not to be disappointed), but he would get the card for me in order to save me a long journey to the right place. He was sorry, but he could not also get me a ration card, but... I really do not know why not, but I was convinced that it was for the noblest of reasons.

The whole business took less than two minutes. "Your card will be ready in a few days. Do not bother to call for it, we will send it to you by mail."

I left the office with my head held high. After all was this not my country? Was this not my brother, the clerk? Were we not gathered from all the corners of the world to live together as in the days of our fathers?

Although the New Year was more than a score of days old I made a vow. I would no longer abuse the Government, the buses, Kupat Holim, anybody in office. Blessings on everybody. Even the horrible little clerk who stands at the Enquiries counter in the Tel Aviv/Yaffo headquarters of the Ministry of the Interior who was shouting his stupid head off at dozens of innocent people by the time I left the office — but who, it so happens, did not shout at me.

AS we were driving out of Jerusalem along Ruppin Road one morning an important looking personage stepped into the middle of the highway and waved a large red flag. The car slowed down, and the driver looked round to see where

there was any blasting in progress on the green hill-side. Presently two old men trundled wheelbarrows full of manure from one side of the road to the other. After they had passed, the third man lowered his flag and the cars that had collected were permitted to continue.

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